



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

September 2, 2021

**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AMENDMENT #1  
MAGIC RFx#3160004505  
for  
Reagent Rental Agreement for FDA Approved 4<sup>th</sup> Generation  
Immunoassay System to detect HIV1, 2 Antigen/Antibody**

Dear Prospective Proposers:

Reference is made to our Request for Proposals RFx#**3160004505** for the Reagent Rental Agreement for FDA Approved 4<sup>th</sup> Generation Immunoassay System to detect HIV1, 2 Antigen/Antibody for the Mississippi State Department of Health. This letter will serve to acknowledge that the RFP is amended to include **Questions and Answers** as attached here to as **Attachment A**. All other terms, conditions, and specifications of this solicitation remain unchanged.

Proposal Submission Date and Time: September 9, 2021, 10:00 AM CST  
Proposal Opening Date and Time: September 9, 2021, 10:30 AM CST

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS**

Please acknowledge receipt of this amendment and all others by signing this form and returning it, along with your original proposal. **If you have already submitted a proposal, you must withdraw it and resubmit it with this amendment** prior to the proposal submission date and time shown above. **Failure to submit this acknowledgement may result in rejection of your proposal.**

Acknowledged by (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Company and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**AMENDMENT #1- ATTACHMENT A  
Procurement Questions and Answers**

QUESTION		ANSWER
1.	Respectfully requesting clarification on Attachment C: a. In regards to the associated costs and hidden fees, please clarify what is meant by the following: all required overhead, all required profit, and all required labor? b. In regards to the kit pricing, HIV 1, 2 Kits is listed. If the vendor is quoting HIV Combo, is it expected this section is completed with the HIV Combo pricing?	(a) All costs associated with the reagent rental agreement should be included in the quoted price of HIV 1,2 combo kits.  (b) Yes.
2.	Respectfully requesting clarification on Attachment D, section 23.1 Firm Bid Price. How is the vendor expected to support the 5% discount requested?	Quoted price must be a firm price for 5 years, but if the kit price decreases more than 5% then such decrease should be applied toward the quoted price. See highlighted section below. Only applies if kit prices decrease in excess of 5%. Prices quoted shall be firm for the term of the contract except that the State shall receive the benefit of any price decrease in excess of five (5) percent. The Contractor/Seller must provide written price reduction information within ten (10) days of its effective date.
3.	What instrument configuration is the customer interested in assessing? For example: (1) instrument unit for testing or (2) units to achieve	The vendor should offer an instrument configuration that will meet the bid specifications and

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	mirror image back-up.	provide supporting documentation.
4.	In the "Bid," 1st document attached, are we to complete page 2 with part numbers necessary to run HIV at the expected volume of 75,000 tests annually? Would you like for us to format these numbers and add to the existing format in XL or word/pdf?	Please see Section 1.1 and submit the bid form (Attachment C) as required. You may upload your bid form to MAGIC.
5.	The bid is written for Hep/HIV, but only HIV volumes are provided. Is it the expectation that we build this proposal for a reagent rental off of the HIV volumes alone?	The cost for the reagent rental should be based on HIV 1,2 kits/reagents, but the instrument offered should have the hepatitis assays on the test menu.
6	Can we provide our bid online only or is necessary to provide 3 printed copies via FedEx/USPS mail as well?	Please see Section 1,1 of the IFB. We ask that you also submit you bid online, but you are not required to do so.
7.	There is no language addressing service. Will this be handled separately, once awarded	Service is addressed in the instrument bid specifications
8.	Is there a way to determine if we are already registered with MAGIC? We have done business recently with the MS Public Health Lab.	Please contact the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration at 601-359-3402 or follow this link for further instructions. <a href="https://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mississippi-suppliers-vendors/">https://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mississippi-suppliers-vendors/</a>

**Please review and submit the foregoing Amendment Acknowledgement with your proposal by the submission date.**